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FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUEL
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicant herewith makes of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

U.S. Patent No. 3,943,107 (Seltzer *et al.*)

U.S. Patent No. 4,020,142 (Davis *et al.*)

U.S. Patent No. 4,154,919 (Sheratte)

U.S. Patent No. 4,664,761 (Zupancic *et al.*)

U.S. Patent No. 4,666,996 (Sansone)

U.S. Patent No. 5,429,759 (Andrieu *et al.*)

International Publication No. WO 00/44816 (Application No.

PCT/EP00/00280), published August 3, 2000

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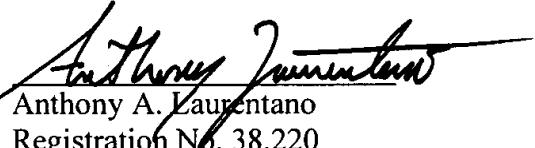
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